

sufficient time to prepare for both. We recognize that participating in two auctions simultaneously can be administratively difficult, but not insurmountable. If a substantial number of bidders are participating in both auctions (assuming that the Broadband PCS auction does not end prior to the start of the LMDS auction), we will factor their concerns into our round scheduling decisions.

3. Joint Petitioners suggest that because business discussions concerning LMDS might shed light on PCS spectrum bidding strategy, and vice versa, they must cease LMDS discussions with investors as of the short-form application deadline for the LMDS auction pursuant to the anti-collusion rule, 47 C.F.R. § 1.2105(c). They believe this will constrict their ability to engage in strategic planning and negotiations for the LMDS auction⁴ We believe that potential applicants for each of these auctions have had ample time to engage in business discussions, in view of the early announcement dates of these two auctions. The Broadband PCS auction date was announced on August 19, 1998, and the LMDS auction date was announced on November 6, 1998.⁵

4. Accordingly, Joint Petitioner's Petition for Reconsideration IS HEREBY DENIED. This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Section 0.331 of the Commission's Rules.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ *Id.* at 9.

⁵ The date of the Broadband PCS auction was announced on August 19, 1998 and the LMDS auction date was announced on November 6, 1998. *See* Wireless Telecommunications Action: Rules for C Block Auction Adopted, *Press Release*, Report No. WT 98-26 (rel. August 19, 1998); *LMDS Public Notice*.